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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated September 25, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.